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EC COMMISSION REPORT ON GREEK ACCESSION

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1. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF GOG STATEMENT ISSUED EVENING
JANUARY 29 ON EC COMMISSION'S REPORT ON GREEK APPLICATION FOR
EARLY ACCESSION IS CONTAINED IN PARA 2. PARAS 3 AND 4 CONTAIN
STATEMENTS ISSUED BY TWO OPPOSITION PARTIES, I.E., THE CENTER
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UNION/NEW FORCES AND PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (PASOK)

RESPECTIVELY. SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON GREEK CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT OVER WHAT IS VIEWED LOCALLY AS NEGATIVE POSITION OF COMMISSION

2. TEXT OF GOG STATEMENT: "THE EC COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION INCLUDES BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ELEMENTS CONCERNING GREECE'S FULL EC INTEGRATION. THE NEGATIVE ELEMENTS ARE IN COMPLETE CONTRAST WITH THE CLEARLY STATED POLITICAL WILL OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR GREECE'S IMMEDIATE INTEGRATION, WHICH WOULD BENEFIT NOT ONLY GREECE BUT ALL OF DEMOCRATIC EUROPE AS WELL. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WILL, IN DEFINING ITS POSITION, AWAIT THE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, WHICH CONSTITUTES THE SUPREME BODY OF THE COMMUNITY AS EXPRESS NG DIRECTLY THE WILL OF THE GOVERFNENTS."

3. CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES STATEMENT:

"THE RULING OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RAISES STRONG DOUBTS AND QUESTIONS, ON WHICH CLARIFICATIONS MUST BE SOUGHT. IN CONTRAST TO MR. SOAMES' CLAIM, THE RULING IS NEITHER 'EXPLICIT' NOR 'POSITIVE'. IT IMPROPERLY INVOLVES THE 'GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE,' AND THIS IS ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE AND INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE MORE GENERAL SPIRIT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WHOSE GUARDIAN IS THE COMMISSION. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT OUR INTEGRATION WITH THE COMMUNITY SHOULD DEPEND ON THE SETTLEMENT OF THE GREEK-TURKISH DIFFERENCE, FOR THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN INCENTIVE FOR TURKEY TO PROLONG THE ABEYANCES PRECISELY IN ORDER TO BLOCK THE PROGRESS OF THE PROCEDURE FOR OUR FULL INTEGRATION WITH THE COMMUNITY."

THE STATEMENT FURTHER SAID THAT THE POSITION OF THE GREEK ECONOMY COULD NOT POSSIBLY SERVE AS AN ARGUMENT AIMING AT DELAYING THE COUNTRY'S INTEGRATION. IRELAND, IN ALMOST THE SAME POSITION AS GREECE, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS A FULL MEMBER AND PARTICIPATES IN THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THE LOW STANDARD OF ITS ECONOMY.

THE STATEMENT FURTHER DESCRIBED THE DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN RICH COUNTRIES OF THE NORTH AND POOR COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH AS UNACCEPTABLE AND UNDERMINING OF THE EFFORT BEING MADE FOR EUROPEAN UNITY.

THE STATEMENT CONTINUED: "OF COURSE, THE FINAL DECISION LAYS WITH THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL THE COUNTRIES UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE, IN A CATEGORICAL MANNER, SUPPORTED GREECE'S ANTRY AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE COUNTRIES WERE AWARE OF BOTH THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF GREECE AND THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTES WHEN THEY GAVE SUCH ASSURANCES. WE EXPECT THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE COUNTRIES, THROUGH THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS, WILL SOON TAKE THE NECESSARY DECISION ON THE IMMEDIATE OPENING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THE SETTING OF THE TIME FOR

OUR FULL INTEGRATION."

4. PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (PASOK) LEADER ANDREAS
PAPANDREOU STATEMENT:

"PASOK'S POSITION ON GREECE'S INTEGRATION WITH THE EEC IS KNOWN.
INTEGRATION WITH THE EUROPE OF MULTINATIONAL MONOPOLIES MEANS
COMPLETE COLONISATION OF OUR COUNTRY. THE RULING OF THE EEC
TECHNOCRATS, WHICH DIRECTS A BLOW AGAINST THE POLICY OF BOTH THE
NEW DEMOCRACY AND THE CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES PARTIES, IS CERTAINLY
DUE TO A DECISION TO EXERT POLITICAL BLACKMAIL AGAINST GREECE.
SINCE THE DESIRE OF THE GREEK RIGHT WING FOR GREECE'S
UNCONDITIONAL INTEGRATION IS SO FERVENT, THE UNITED STATES AND ITS
PARTNERS IN THE WEST HAVE AVAILED THEMSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITY
TO LINK IT (INTEGRATION) WITH CONCESSIONS ON THE PART OF GREECE
IN THE CYPRUS ISSUE, THE AEGEAN, THE BASES AND PERHAPS,
EVEN ON THE ISSUE OF THE EXTRATERRITORIAL RIGHTS. WHEN WILL
THE GOVERNMENTS OF OUR COUNTRY LEARN SOMETHING
FROM THE PAST?"
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